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# *Re-Imagining Europe*

Europe in crisis: a crisis that no longer designates a moment of decision, a critical point between a before and an after, but a state, a permanent mode of being, a constant emergency. The numbers of those drowning in their effort to cross the Mediterranean and enter the 'Fortress Europe' are abandoned as statistical information in the hands of the techno-bureaucratic apparatus, when not utilised by a sensationalist journalism, more tired than the population it professes to awaken. If history takes place the first time as tragedy and the second as farce, what genre does our perpetual impasse call for? At this juncture of Europe, the aporia of language confronts the aporia of history.

We cannot speak, we must speak, we shall speak.

The question: what is Europe must measure up against the question: what was it to be? What does it mean to initiate and sustain a project, if only at times, after the fact, such as Europe? The questions of internal and external borders, of homogeneity and coherence, identity and equality, legitimacy and rights, democracy and representation can only be raised insofar as the question of Europe, its destiny and destination, is raised as a whole.



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English

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